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Applicant(s):	Sparer et al.)	Group Art Unit:	3763
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For:	ACTIVE AGENT DELIVERY SYSTEMS, MEDICAL DEVICES, AND METHODS			

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
Sparer et al.	10/640,701	08/13/03	60/403,479
Sparer et al.	10/640,713	08/13/03	60/403,392
Sparer et al.	10/640,823	08/13/03	60/403,478
Sparer et al.	10/640,714	08/13/03	60/403,477
Lyu et al.	10/640,702	08/13/03	60/403,413

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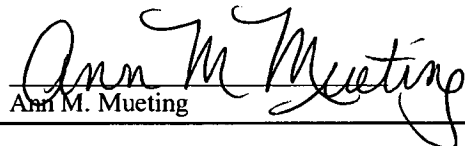
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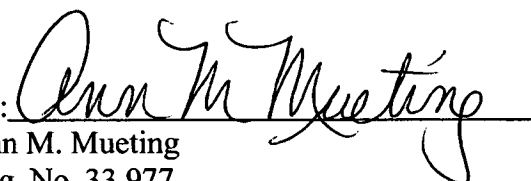
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